

**2002-2003 REVISION COMMITTEE  
DWC/WCAB POLICY AND PROCEDURAL MANUAL**

**Index Number 6.6.1 (formerly 6.6.2)**

**TAKING CASES OFF CALENDAR AND TIMING OF SUBMISSION**

The PWCJ may require that: (1) at any time after the commencement of a trial, and before or at submission of the issues tried, no order taking the case off calendar shall issue from a workers' compensation judge without prior consultation with, and approval of, the PWCJ; and/or (2) following submission of an issue or issues, no order to vacate said submission shall issue by the assigned workers' compensation judge without prior consultation with, and approval of, the PWCJ

Judges should not unnecessarily delay the date of submission of issues following the conclusion of testimony. For example, it is inappropriate to delay submission for any of the following reasons:

- (1) until dictation of the summary of evidence to the hearing reporter is completed. WCJs shall dictate the summary within three working days from the conclusion of testimony, unless the PWCJ approves of a longer period.
- (2) for receipt of post-trial briefs unless the issues tried are unique or unusually complex. In the event post-trial briefs are allowed, the time frames should be as short as reasonably possible and specifically identified.
- (3) for a potential request for a formal permanent disability rating from the Disability Evaluation Unit beyond twenty (20) days from the conclusion of testimony.